

fragment of about 1.4 kb. *Brevibacterium lactofermentum* ATCC13869 can be obtained from ATCC (the American Type Culture Collection: 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, VA 20110-2209, United States of America).--

Please replace the paragraph on page 9, line 24, through page 10, line 26, with the following paragraph:

--A DNA coding for substantially the same protein as a constituent of ABC transporter can be obtained by expressing DNA having such a mutation as described above in an appropriate cell, and examining characteristics of an expressed product. A DNA coding for substantially the same protein as a constituent of ABC transporter can also be obtained by isolating a DNA hybridizable with a nucleotide sequence coding for each constituent or a probe prepared from such a nucleotide sequence, for example, the nucleotide sequence of nucleotide numbers 1117 to 1725 in SEQ ID NO: 7 or a probe prepared from this nucleotide sequence, for ATPase under a stringent condition, and coding for a protein having the characteristics of the constituent from a DNA coding for each protein having mutation or from a cell harboring it. The "stringent condition" referred to herein is a condition under which a so-called specific hybrid is formed, but a non-specific hybrid is not formed. It is difficult to clearly define this condition by using numerical values. However, for example, the stringent condition includes a condition under which two of DNAs having high homology, for example, two of DNAs having homology of not less than 60% are hybridized with each other, but two of DNAs having homology lower than the above level are not hybridized with each other. Alternatively, the stringent condition is exemplified by a hybridization condition represented by salt concentrations of 1 x SSC, 0.1% SDS, preferably